

The Garonne's Gold Cargo.

Another Klondike Treasure Ship Arrives Thronged With Returning Miners.

Passengers Agree in Declaring That There Is Little Gold at Cape Nome.

The steamer Garonne, direct from St. Michael with \$3,500,000 in treasure and 550 passengers, steamed by Victoria yesterday morning, bound for Vancouver. Of the passengers, 120 had been to the Cape Nome diggings, and were on their way out. They were not the ones, however, who carried the gold.

The purser's safe and strong boxes held two millions in all—one-half the property of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the remainder including large government remittances.

One passenger, Dan McDonald, brought an even ton of dust—\$500,000 in value—the season's clean-up for himself and his brother, added to the proceeds of the sale of their properties; while the rest of the treasure cargo was held in close-guarded lots of from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

In the stories told by the Garonne's Klondikers there is but a small element of real news. They place the season's output very conservatively at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and say that unless the government at Ottawa sets aside the blanket on bench claims recently applied by a commissioner's proclamation, serious conflict may be anticipated between the miners and the authorities.

The cause of complaint is the order against restaking or prospecting new or lapsed ground on the creeks or benches of Bonanza, Hunker or Eldorado, which practically reserves all such valuable property to the government.

The bulk of the Garonne's gold is of course from the Klondike proper. The remainder comes from Mineoak and other big camps on the American side, some of which are this season taking a new lease of life, and having doubled their population during the spring are now being worked systematically and with much improved prospects.

Not a pound of dust came out of the Cape Nome field. Indeed, the miners who have just visited that fabled wonderland declare positively that the reports of rich placers there are absolutely without foundation—a scheme of the transportation companies interested, assisted by a salted claim heavy with imported gold from El Dorado, to divert the spring after-the-clean-up exodus from the upper to the lower river route.

The Cape Nome district, they say, contains neither fuel nor gold, in any profitable quantity. The open season is short, and the long winter too severe for human endurance. Colors are to be got almost everywhere a pan is tried, but they are exceeding fine, and pay-dirt is an unknown quantity.

The Garonne tied up at Vancouver to-night. She has brought the biggest treasure of any steamer yet arriving here.

DIRIGO IS RICH TOO.

Quarter of a Million Reported In Call at Departure Bay.

Nanaimo, July 18.—(Special)—The latest arrival here from the gold fields of the North is the steamer Dirigo, which steamed into Departure Bay this afternoon with 200 returned from Klondike and Atlin. Purser Lafarge had a quarter of a million dollars in his possession belonging to a few men who had struck it rich at Dawson.

Jack Carr, the Northern mail carrier, was among the passengers, but he could not be approached for less than a thousand dollars. He claims no special right to any particular big story this time.

Mr. William Jordan, a returning miner from Dawson, said it would be a difficult task to credit anyone with any specific amount. The majority of men from Dawson were in jubilant spirits and all well satisfied with their success.

In addition to the quarter of a million in dust in the purser's care several men had bulging wallets and substantial drafts. The Dirigo is beyond doubt the wealthiest ship that has called at Departure Bay this summer. The larder of the steamer, including the exhilarating portion of it, had become almost exhausted. New supplies were obtained here, and after coaling she sailed for Vancouver.

ROANOKE BRINGS TREASURE. Three Millions in Gold From Klondike, and Advice to Keep Away From Cape Nome.

Seattle, July 18.—The treasure ship Roanoke arrived last night, keeping up her record as a gold-carrier, for she had, according to conservative estimate, \$3,000,000 worth of dust. "I had \$2,500,000 in my charge," said Purser Newcomb, "and I know of \$500,000 and possibly double as much among passengers. The Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of British North America sent out \$1,500,000, destined to the Seattle mint."

Three McDonalds, R. H., and Duncan, had perhaps a greater individual amount of gold dust than any one man or party of men. They brought two lots, one of which was the Fifth regiment band at Goldstream park this evening.

15,000 ounces and a second of 17,000, or a total of 32,000 ounces. P. G. Morris returned with 16,000 ounces. G. L. Muller with 900 and Mr. Copley with about \$50,000. Save in a few instances, all the gold came from the celebrated Klondike camp. Probably some came from Mineoak, a little from the Koyukuk, possibly small amounts from Circle, Eagle and Forty-Mile. About \$10,000 worth of Cape Nome gold came on the Roanoke. It is a portion of the clean-up of No. 8 above, on Anvil creek, owned by H. H. Campbell and G. W. Price. Campbell came on the Roanoke. He located the claim and afterwards sold a half-interest to Price. Louis Lane, one of the men now in the Cape Nome district, is a personal friend of Purser Newcomb. The two were together several days at St. Michael. Lane, who is a son of Charles Michael, the Canadian prospector, discussed the Cape Nome camp without reservation. "I told me," said Newcomb, "that Cape Nome is undeniably rich, and he begged me to go up there this winter, stating that he had no doubt about my being able to do well."

Richard Butler, one of the most successful men of the Klondike, does not think well of the Cape Nome camp, where he spent four days on his return from Dawson. "I went over there," he said, "and remained four days, walking over a good portion of the district. I don't think much of it myself. It struck me as being poor man's digging. The yield per day to the man in my judgment, is not going to be large, and from what I could learn the country is about all staked."

C. B. Thurber, of Vallejo, Cal., went north a year ago this spring and located on Eldorado creek. Aside from what he sent out a year ago to his family, being drafts for \$4,000, he comes down on this trip for \$15,000 in dust and drafts.

Royal M. McDonald, of Nova Scotia, is probably the largest individual owner of dust aboard the boat. His treasure is contained in four iron-bound boxes weighing 150 pounds each, and the total value is estimated at about \$125,000. McDonald during the year has sent out a large amount, all of which has been taken from claim 23 and Eldorado. It is one of the richest and best holding-out claims on Eldorado, and at present time is being worked to its full capacity.

H. H. Shifler, a Californian, had perhaps \$6,000.

Frank Warner, of Montreal, and partner, had \$10,000.

H. D. Noaman, of San Francisco, brought out \$9,000.

O. J. Lang, a student of the University of California, brings out \$3,000 in dust.

W. J. Sinclair, of San Francisco, brought out about \$3,000.

Sergeant George Bates, of the Northwest Mounted Police, accompanied by Mr. Ralph Letham and Conductor Mulcahey were pulled off the car and badly treated. Letham had his arm broken and Mulcahey received a fracture of the nose. Several policemen who were in the neighborhood rushed to the assistance of the motorman and conductor and frightened the crowd off by firing their revolvers in the air. Three arrests were made, and in less than 15 minutes the cars were running.

The police arrangements for the protection of life and property are nearly perfect, and while disturbances may occur during the night, President Rossiter expresses his intention of ramping the cars as nearly as possible on schedule time up to midnight, and if found practicable he will have them run all night.

Band Concert—Goldstream to-night. * THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

Canadian Ties the Highest Prize for Bronze Medal at First Stage.

Bisley, July 18.—The first stage of the contest for the Queen's prize was completed to-night. Corp. Fellows of the Second Norfolk wins the bronze medal, with a score of 101. Bertram of the Canadian rifle team also made a score of 101.

The Martin's challenge cup was won by Private W. T. Ward, and the Secretary of War's prize by Lieut. Dunlop of the First Lancashire regiment.

THE EMPEROR HUFFED.

Wanted to Pay His Grandmother a Birthday Visit, But Was Dissuaded.

London, July 19.—According to the Daily Chronicle, Emperor William wished to come to England to attend the Queen's birthday ceremonies, intending to spend some time in this country. But his visit was considered inopportune. Being piqued at this, His Majesty refused to come for the Cowes yachting week, which was considered a most favorable time for his visit.

DEWEY FOR CARLSBAD.

Vienna, July 18.—Special despatches received at Vienna announce that Admiral Dewey and nine of his officers will go to Carlsbad to take the cure for gastric troubles.

HAIL LIKE WALNUTS.

Berlin, July 18.—A heavy thunder storm prevailed throughout the country to-day. The storm was accompanied by a fall of hailstones, some of which were as large as walnuts. Immense damage was done. Five houses were damaged by lightning.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY.

San Francisco, July 18.—At a meeting of the board of regents of the University of California to-day Prof. Benj. Ide Wheeler accepted the presidency of the university.

M. S. McCormick says he has been through the Kotzebue Sound country, and he does not suffer the condition there. He says there is no gold except on surface. When he goes down there is none of the metal to be found, and that people are leaving there as fast as they can. At Cape Blossom, he says, there is a large and increasing crowd waiting for a chance to get away.

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AGAIN REMANDED.

Hearing of the Charge of Embezzlement
Against Hugh Logan.

The Logan embezzlement case was again up in the police court yesterday and another extended session was held, after which the case was continued till Friday, July 21, at 10 o'clock.

No new developments came to light during the trial yesterday, and Thomas R. Smith, one of the directors of the Robert Ward Co., the complainants, again occupied the witness box the greater part of the day. After the completion of the testimony of Mr. Smith, William McCarr, head accountant for the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transportation Company, was put on the stand and told what he knew of the matter.

During the trial in the morning Mr. Smith said that as soon as the error in the books on which the case is based was discovered and Mr. Logan agreed to give him a check to cover the amount of \$125 out of his own funds in order to avoid any trouble, but Mr. Smith would not accept it, but took the matter into court.

Mr. Logan while in the employ of Robert Ward & Co. was in charge of the shipping department of that firm, and when he resigned his position went into business for himself in the same line. Friends of the accused man say he will have no difficulty in proving his innocence.

SYSTEMATIC SEARCH.

How One Party Undertook to Prospect the Yukon Valley.

The story of scientific, systematic and persistent search for gold is told by the presence in port of two vessels lying near the lower end of town, says the Dawson Nugget. They are the W. S. Stratton, a steamboat of respectable dimensions and excellent equipment, and the little consort, the Bredwiner. The boats are the property of W. S. Stratton, W. A. Orls and James Casey, all American miners of broad knowledge and experience, and two other men whose names are unknown.

They were built at Seattle under the personal supervision of Mr. Casey, and were equipped for the purpose of prospecting the supposed gold-bearing districts of Alaska and the Yukon country. Mr. Casey is manager and secretary of the company, and for something over one year he has patiently but energetically prosecuted a search for the yellow mineral. With a crew of sixteen experienced men he visited, either personally or through his men, every mining camp from Kotzebue Sound to the Klondike, and possessed himself of reliable knowledge of the exact resources of each, so far as could be done. Like many others just now, Mr. Casey is "from Missouri," and he took no man's word, but those of his own, about any of the countries exploited.

As a result, he is probably one of the best and most generally informed men in the Yukon basin on the topography and mineral resources of this Northern land.

For instance, the Minook district is subdivided, he said, into fifty-one sub-districts divided and record for each, and he visited every one of them. His conclusions are: That there has not been a discovery in the district since 1863, except on Eureka creek, and that only two claims have been developed. He has no confidence whatever in the Koyukuk country, and wouldn't take the chance of wasting his time by going there. Of the country about the headwaters of the Tanana, Sixty-Mile, Kuskokwim and Copper rivers, however, he has the utmost confidence; and it is his expectation to operate there during the present summer and the coming winter, locating his boats at Selkirk or Sixty-Mile and working westward. On this expedition he will devote his research to the discovery of quartz, and he has no doubt that his exertions will meet with success.

The W. S. Stratton is a compactly built boat, designed by Mr. Casey himself, with fine machinery, electric plant and other conveniences, cozy cabin, 33 large (for a steamboat) berths, etc. Her consort is 45 feet in length, of sloop-like proportions and a steel hull, and is admired by all who know her good qualities. Her especial feature is a screw which operates in an iron pipe set in a groove in the bottom of the boat. A distinctive feature of the large boat, too, is that the hull is built into eight compartments or bulkheads, all fitted with shovans, and it would be necessary to fill four of them with water in order to sink her.

VALUE OF A MILLIONAIRE.
Physician Sues for Ten Thousand Dollars for Repairing Attempt at Suicide.

In the matter of the application of the Esquimalt Water Works Company of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to sections of land situated in Esquimalt (C. V.), one hundred and fourteen (CXIV.) and West part (GS acres) of sections one hundred and fifteen (CXV.) and one hundred and sixteen (CXVI.) Lake District; sections twenty-three (XXIII.) Lake District, part (6 acres) of section three (III), range two (II), West; sections one (I), two (II), three (III), four (IV), and five (V), range one (I) West; sections three (III), four (IV), and five (V) East; sections one (I), two (II), and two (II), range 0, West, Highland District, and sections six (VI), one hundred and three (CIX.), and part of sections ninety-seven (CXCVII.) and one hundred and seven (CCVII.) Esquimalt District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue a certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above lands to the Esquimalt Water Works Company on the 6th day of October next, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person having an estate or interest therein, or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 4th July, 1890.

A very useful little table was recently published by the late Peter J. Leech, of Victoria, entitled:

"Hour Angles Without Logarithms."

It was originally intended for the use of surveyors in Canada, but the results obtained from it are sufficiently accurate to be of great service to navigators in the latitudes mentioned, viz., 40 degrees to 60 degrees north, and 40 degrees to 60 degrees south.

Should the navigator prefer to determine his hour angle in the usual manner, Mr. Leech's table will prove invaluable as affording a ready check upon his work.

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A KENTUCKY FEUD.
Factions long at Ennity Do Battle in Streets—Five Killed, Three Wounded.

Louisville, Ky., July 17.—A special to the Courier-Journal from London, Ky., states: A report reaching there of the outbreak of another feud in Clay county, by which five men lost their lives to-day. The dead are said to be Robert Philpot, Ed. Fisher, Aaron Morris, Jim Griffin and Hugh Griffin. These fatalities resulted from a pitched battle fought near Little Goose creek, three miles from the Whites.

The feud dates back nearly two years. On Christmas, 1897, James Philpot was killed by Aaron Morris, but before he died he shot and killed William Bundy, a friend of Morris. The Morris and Griffins are closely affiliated. Since then the two factions have been bitter, and the enmity has been aroused recently by the White-Baker hostilities.

The Philpots, who are the strongest faction in the mountains and number about 750 votes, openly espoused the cause of the Bakers, while the Griffins took sides with the Whites.

The story that reaches here from Manchester is that Bob Philpot was arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriff Wash Thacker. While very circumstantial in other respects, the report does not show clearly the origin of the trouble or give the reason for Philpot's arrest. It is said that while Thacker was taking Philpot's bond, the latter was shot from behind by a member of a band that had gathered. This precipitated a general fight with Winklers and relatives, which was participated in by George Granville, Robert and Peter Philpot and Ed. Fisher on the one side, and Aaron Morris and Hugh Jim and Green Griffin on the other.

The battle began at about 9 o'clock

and continued for ten or fifteen minutes.

When it was over it was found that the five mentioned above had been killed outright.

Three of the belligerents were seriously wounded, while Pete Philpot was the only one on either side to escape injury.

Granville Philpot is said to be a union veteran, having lost a leg at Stone river. He is an ex-member of the Kentucky legislature, and is said to have killed three or four men.

The story of this battle caused consternation here, notwithstanding the fact that serious trouble has been expected to break out among the mountaineers of Clay county ever since the assassination of Tom Baker several weeks ago. An effort was at once begun to secure deputies to go to the seat of the trouble and attempt to restore quiet, but up to a late hour in the afternoon there had not been enough responses to make up a force that would command respect.

The situation at Manchester is deplorable. Since morning the place has been in a state of terror, scarcely any one daring to venture out of doors. Business is suspended and the residents are momentarily expecting a renewal of hostilities.

A WRESTLING PURSE.

Eighteen Hundred Dollars Offered to

Have the Champion Again

Meet Roer.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 18.—Tom Jenkins, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, has offered a purse of \$1,800 for a contest with Ernest Roer, and the probabilities are that the offer will be accepted. A syndicate of Montreal sporting men are behind the movement. Roer has already accepted the offer, and it is almost certain that Jenkins will agree to a return match with the New Yorker, whom he defeated here on July 4.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application

will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, maintain and operate a line of railway from Dease Lake, Pender Bay, Vancouver Island, to a point or near Langford Station, on the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, to build and own and maintain and operate an extension of the said line of railway to and along the West Coast of Vancouver Island, to build and operate telegraph or telephone lines in connection with the railway, and to extend and branch lines thereto, and to acquire houses and concessions from individuals, governments and municipalities, with power to make traffic or other arrangements with other railway or steamship companies, and for all other powers, rights and privileges which may be necessary to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

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DR. ROBINSON says that but for his services Chambers would have died; that Chambers was a millionaire, engaged in various business enterprises involving large sums of money; that for this reason his life was of great value to himself, to his relatives and to business men and citizens generally; that the skill required to save his life was fairly worth \$10,000, no part of which has been paid.

Dr. Robinson also asserts that during the time he was attending the patient he was obliged to neglect his practice in other localities for several weeks.

To this complaint the attorneys for the defendant have entered a general denial.

S. D. HALIFAX, Chambers' attorney, said

to-day the demand was exorbitant, especially as other physicians, including one from New York city, had attended Chambers.

"We have offered to settle for \$250," the attorney declared, "a sum which I think would fully pay Dr. Robinson for his trouble."

Dr. Robinson is an old physician, who has practised in McLean several years. Last fall Chambers moved from McLean, and has built himself a fine residence in Cortland. The physician gave temporary insanity as the cause of his attempt at suicide, and says he has entirely recovered.

GASPESIA SALVAGE.

St. John's, Nfld., July 17.—The Newfoundland supreme court has reduced the salvage for rescuing the Canadian liner Gaspesia, which was locked in the ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence for about four months, to \$6,500.

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THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S VIEWS.

"It was his great object in making his tour through Bennett and Atlin to meet personally the mining and business men of the district and obtain from them their views and suggestions on all matters affecting the welfare of this portion of our province. He hoped that these personal interviews, together with observations made by himself, would place him in a position to suggest certain changes in our present mining laws and in other matters in which the district might be interested, and it would be his great endeavor to have such legislation enacted as he might find was absolutely necessary for the better progress of the country, and to provide against a recurrence of the state of affairs arisen in Atlin. He assured all present that his visit carried nothing of a political character, and with a final thanks to the members of the board for the address presented, he cordially invited all to visit him at any time at his official residence when in Victoria."

The above is from the Bennett Sun and is a summary of the remarks of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes made before the Bennett Board of Trade, in response to an address presented to him when on his way to Atlin. It was a very remarkable speech. If His Honor's remarks have been correctly summarized, it is difficult to imagine more complete expression of want of confidence in his ministry than he gave utterance to on that occasion. His course in addressing himself personally to an investigation of the conditions existing at Atlin is commendable, and quite within his constitutional rights, although it is undoubtedly very unusual. It is true that he assured his hearers that his visit has nothing of a political nature, but when he speaks of his intention to bring about changes in our mining laws and other matters, and to have such legislation enacted as will prevent a recurrence of such a state of affairs as has arisen in Atlin, he deals with what every one else regards as an essential part of the politics of British Columbia. We submit that such a condition of things has never before been presented in this province. At a time when the organs of the government were assuring us that there was nothing wrong at Atlin, and when the members of the Cabinet were engaged in altercations of a character, such as has never before been exhibited in this province, the Lieutenant-Governor tells an audience that he is on his way to Atlin to discover a remedy for the evils resulting from the legislation and administration for which his advisers are responsible. Such a situation is positively unique.

The date of the paper in which the notable speech was reported was July 8, and the inference is that the speech was delivered to the interested people of Bennett at a time when the people of this part of the province were being regaled by Mr. Semlin's charges of neglect, untrustworthiness, and disgraceful conduct against Mr. Martin and Mr. Martin's charges of incapacity against Mr. Semlin, and downright falsification of public records against Mr. Cotton. The men whose duty it is to formulate the policy of the province and advise the Lieutenant-Governor were bickering amongst themselves for political supremacy, while the Lieutenant-Governor was seeking for light upon a difficult question in order to be able intelligently to advise his ministers and the legis-

lature as to what ought to be done. To state the case is to demonstrate the unfitness of the present ministry to hold the reins of office for a single hour.

We concede fully the right of the Lieutenant-Governor to make the investigations which he has undertaken and command him for so doing. It is a principle of constitutional government that the crown or its representative may advise the ministry, as well as the ministry the crown. The extraordinary thing about Lieutenant-Governor McInnes' course is that he has boldly declared for a line of policy, which every one knows, who has kept track of events, has not been recommended by his advisers. We submit that his course leaves Mr. Semlin no other alternative than to tender his resignation.

SENATE REFORM.

We do not feel prepossessed in favor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution looking to restricting the power of the Senate. It will be called a measure of Senate reform, but it is nothing of the kind. It is simply an expedient to overcome a hostile majority in the upper chamber. During the earlier part of the session one of the Conservative members said that the way to overcome senatorial opposition to a bill which had passed the house, was to bring on a dissolution, and if the people pronounced favorably upon the measure, the Senate would always yield. This is the practice in Great Britain, or more correctly speaking it is the theory which obtains in Great Britain, but argument based upon any supposed analogy between the Canadian Senate and the British House of Lords breaks down at the outset; for in the very nature of things the Senate is a political body, which the House of Lords can hardly be said to be. Moreover, as we have pointed out in previous articles, the House of Lords has existed from time immemorial side by side with the House of Commons, while our Senate is a modern creation representative of nothing in particular, and this is said without any wish to reflect upon the upper chamber.

It would be clearly dangerous to have it understood that a senate, which is always certain to be more or less of a partisan body, can compel the government of the day to either abandon a measure approved of by the representatives of the people, or else call a new election. At the same time we do not like the idea of a conference as suggested by Sir Wilfrid. It is an imitation, and not a very good one, of a feature in the United States constitution of doubtful value.

We think the Conservative party is approaching the question of Senate Reform from a mistaken point of view. The disposition seems to be to treat it as purely a partisan matter. To extreme partisans it may be a very satisfactory thing to have a body of immovable legislators strongly favorable to their political party; but if the shoe happens to get on the other foot, it will not fit so well. We fear that those Conservatives, who are so loud in their praises of everything done by the Senate to embarrass the present government, are cutting a stick for their own backs later on.

The political complexion of the Senate is rapidly changing, and if when the Conservatives come into power, as they will certainly do by and by, they find the Liberal press all over the country calling upon what may then be a Liberal senate to reject Conservative legislation, they cannot very well complain. Therefore we say that the effort of Conservatives ought rather to be to discover if it is not possible to make the Senate more representative of the popular will than it can ever be, as long as membership depends upon the political favor of the government in power when vacancies occur and the tenure of office is for life. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution becomes a part of the constitution, it would be about as well to abolish the Senate altogether. With a house divided by strong lines of party cleavage and a senate the same, the result of a conference would be a foregone conclusion in nine cases out of ten. If partisanship must be reckoned with in the Senate Chamber, let the fact be recognized boldly and the Senate be made elective.

The history of the thirty-two years since Confederation has not demonstrated the usefulness of the Senate to any remarkable degree.

YUKON MILITIA SUPPLIES.

The debate on the supplies to the militia stationed on the Yukon brought out a number of interesting matters, some of which have, not been satisfactorily explained. Our special correspondent at Ottawa dealt with a few of these in his letter printed in yesterday's Colonist. We have now before us the Hansard report of the debate, and a few references may be made to it. In all, the militia department in 1898 sent into the Yukon 330 tons of supplies, and the cost of transportation amounted to about \$250,000. Some of this went by way of St. Michael, and some by way of the Stikine. This is at the rate of \$750 a ton, or 37½ cents a pound. Even admitting the great difficulties surrounding Northern transportation in 1898, it must be conceded by every one that this is an enormous price. It appears that while tenders were not publicly invited, several persons were privately asked to put in bids, and three did so. These were apparently all for the transportation via St. Michael. The prices at which the contract was awarded were \$250 per ton to Dawson, and to Selkirk \$300 per ton. Very strangely, it was not specified whether this was to be a ton weight or a ton measurement. The supplies sent in by way of the Stikine were taken in by the Hudson's Bay Company, under an arrangement by which the government

was to pay the company the actual cost plus 20 per cent, and to assist the company, as far as the militia contingent were able. Eighty tons of goods were sent through this way, and the cost to the government was, in round numbers, \$131,000, or \$1,400 per ton. This is subject to a small reduction, if the company is able to realize anything out of some horses and mules on hand. This amount also includes all the expenses attending the transportation of two hundred men and their personal baggage. The cost was enormous, but we do not feel free to criticize it, for, in common with most people on the Coast, the Colonist favored sending the militia in via the Stikine. The Hudson's Bay contract ended when the supplies reached Lake Teslin. The expedition left Vancouver in the middle of May, and the first detachment reached Teslin on July 1st, and Selkirk a few days later. The whole expedition reached Selkirk early in September. The C. P. N. carried the goods to Génora at \$40 per ton, the Hudson's Bay Company taking them over there.

Mr. Earle drew the attention of the house to some extraordinary charges made by H. N. Bate & Co., pointing out that the cost of the goods supplied by that firm was much higher than the same goods could be purchased for on the Coast, without taking into account the freight across the continent and the "extraordinary," that is, unusual, special charges on packing. In reply the minister of militia made the surprising statement that he did not understand that the freight to the Coast was to be paid by the government, and that until Mr. Earle directed his attention to the fact, he did not know it had been charged. In regard to the special charges for packing, Mr. Earle pointed out that on the goods supplied to the Mounted Police in Victoria and Vancouver, there was no such charge, the goods being furnished by the merchants in packages as required. One extraordinary charge was for sacks, in which oats were shipped, just as if, to quote Mr. Earle, oats were thrown around loose. On the question of prices, Mr. Earle said they were slightly higher than those for which similar goods were furnished the Mounted Police by merchants of the Coast, but he laid most stress upon the fact that, in addition to these higher prices, there were the charges for freight and extras. He thought the house was entitled to some explanation as to what is to be done about the freight, and he demanded that the item should stand until the explanation had been made. The minister of militia thereupon promised to see Messrs. Bate & Co., and if the agreement was that the goods were to be delivered at Vancouver, to ask them to refund the freight. With this Mr. Earle expressed himself as satisfied.

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We feel sure that the public will appreciate the steps taken by the Colonist to present a plain, unvarnished statement of the facts in the matter. The first story went far and wide, and we have already been in receipt of inquiries from persons contemplating a trip to Wreck Bay to engage in mining. We hope those of our contemporaries which gave currency to the highly-colored stories sent out will make the necessary corrections. There may be rich places on the West Coast, but they are yet to be discovered.

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Don't wait until you are totally blind before having your eyes examined, but have them attended to while it is yet possible to effect a complete cure. Consult Professor Harvey, F. O. M. C. J., at Fawcett's drug store, 49 Government street, until July 22.

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Mrs. Kelley Arrested.—Mrs. Argisina Kelly was brought to the police station yesterday morning about 11 o'clock by Officer Carson, charged with stealing a gold watch valued at \$80 and \$60 in coin belonging to Catherine Lewis, the complainant. The case will come up in the police court this morning.

Repairs In Park.—Necessary repairs are being made in the zoo section at Beacon Hill park, and many of the planks in the bear pit which have passed their days of usefulness are being replaced by new ones. Fences are also receiving the attention they need, and the paths and roads are being looked after.

If you are thirsty and want something cool, try our famous Ice Cream Soda. There is no better. At the New Drug Store, F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

Dangerous Chimney Fire.—A chimney fire was discovered in the Victoria hotel block yesterday morning about 11 o'clock and the Chinese tailoring establishment in the building came almost by a thing of the past. The fire did not start in the tailor shop, but the store room next to it. The intense heat of the flames, however, soon melted the lid which covered up the fire, and it dropped out to the floor. The flames immediately filled the room and dense

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Caused a Nuisance.—The rear axle of a truck heavily loaded with lumber and building material which was on its way to the outer wharf to be shipped to Dawson City, broke in front of the post office building on Government street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, caused by one of the wheels of the dray being caught in the car tracks, which project about two inches above the surface of the street at that point. The accident had the result of delaying street car traffic on the Outer Wharf and Beacon Hill lines for about half an hour, until the load could be taken off the wagon, as it was utterly impossible to move it with the load. There has been talk for some time of either levelling the street to be even with the car track, or leveling the car track so that it will be even with the street.

Chinese "Opera"—There was a din and roar on Cormorant street, between Store and Government street, which would put Harvard's prize noise-making machine in the shade, and would make the gods on high Olympus turn green with envy. The orchestra of one of the local Chinese theatres was going over some Mongolian lullabies and tremors preparatory to the opening of the coming opera season. If the play can be judged by the music that accompanies it, it must be a blood and thinner, hair-raising and soul-stirring tragedy, as it was heard above the roar of the drums, the screeches of the Chinese fiddle and flute, and the enthusiastic voices of the admirers of the music whenever a supposed particularly brilliant passage was reached.

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Arrival From Atlin Says the Victorian and His Party Were Not Drowned.

Mr. H. B. Mucklestone, provincial land surveyor, who arrived from the North on the steamer Tees, says that Harry Howard of this city and his companions were not drowned in Windy Arm as reported, but passed down the river safely. He says that as soon as Capt. John Irving heard the report he made inquiries and learned from Inspector Wood that the party had passed Thigash House safely.

While Mr. Howard's friends here are hoping that Inspector Wood's statement will prove correct, they are still very anxious. Mr. Cleary, who was yesterday quoted in connection with the party, left Atlin the morning after the party, proceeding by steamer. They passed the heavily-laden boat the night after their departure. Mr. Cleary made a trip down to White Horse Rapids, and on the way back kept a close lookout for the Howard boat, he being anxious about the occupants, as he did not consider the boat safe, but was unable to see any signs of her. Of course he may have overlooked her in the crowd of craft that were going down the river.

Speaking of the Atlin country, Mr. Cleary says it was certainly overestimated, but there is, nevertheless, gold there, and the output would have been considerably had the government not hampered the miners by his laws and regulations. The curtailing of the powers of the gold commissioners and the regulation requiring miners to deposit \$25 before Min. Justice Irving will hear their case. Mr. Cleary says, are particularly unfair to the miner. A poor man might not have \$25 to defend his claim, and "sharks" knowing this, jump his claim.

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A WONDERFUL MIDDY.

Who One Was at a Mythical Station and Transported Himself Home.

A good story is told about Lieut. Aupen, one-time torpedo lieutenant on H. M. S. Orlando, on the Australian station. Years ago, when he was a midshipman, his ship was stationed at Vancouver, and Aupen, being seized with a sudden illness, was invalidated just prior to the departure of his vessel on a cruise. The only other officer then left in port was the chief carpenter, also invalided. The younger had deeply studied the Queen's naval regulations, and the time for his examination coming round, he applied—seizing the golden hour—to the only senior officer in the port, the chief carpenter, to be examined for Lieutenant. This he or any officer is entitled to do whenever or wherever he may be, if the requisite term of his service be fulfilled. The chief carpenter accordingly examined the lad and passed him with flying colors. Aupen immediately thereby became the senior officer on the station, and his first act of authority was to order himself to England with despatches, an order he obeyed with consummate address and with all the haste possible, seeing his ship might return at any minute, and Christmas was approaching. He arrived one evening at Portsmouth and found he would have to wait eight hours for a train to London. Again the regulations came to his aid. Reg. No. so-and-so directs all officers carrying despatches to take every available means to expedite the arrival of same at headquarters. Aupen decided that the Admiralty ought to have his despatches forthwith. He ordered a special train to London and presented himself before the then First Lord. The great man, who had heard nothing about either Aupen or his despatches before, requested an explanation, which the lad respectfully gave. He escaped without even a reprimand. He had complied to the letter of the Queen's regulations, and the whole affair quickly became the laugh of London.

The crux of the joke was that Aupen's despatches concerned nothing but a narrative of his own illness and a glowing account of the brilliant manner in which he had passed his exam., written by himself. His next ship received him as Lieutenant.—Shanghai Daily Press, June 1.

Band Concert—Goldstream to-night.

Clearing House.—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending July 18 were \$832,754; balances, \$425,432.

Will Elect Officers.—At this evening's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council officers for the year will be elected.

Battalion Picnic.—A meeting will be held next week to arrange for the annual picnic of the First Battalion, Fifth Regiment.

"Follow the band" to Goldstream promenade concert to-night.

Sailors' Outing.—The crew of H. M. S. Phaeton were yesterday the members of a bicycle party, arranged by the officers. They took a long ride through the district.

Benefit Social.—An ice cream social is to be given at Harmony hall this evening, for the benefit of the widows in want. There will be a concert programme, and after refreshments dancing.

Benefit Concert.—In St. William Wallace hall this evening a concert will be held for the benefit of Mrs. Miller, who is partially blind, and desires to go home to friends in England. The programme will be a good one.

Made a Killing.—A large-sized rat made havoc in the Queen's hotel Monday night by in some manner getting into the large bird-cage in the window of the dining room, where from 40 to 60 sweet singing canary birds are kept, and killing 17 members of the flock. The loss of the birds was not discovered till yesterday morning, when all the dead birds were found on the floor of the cage, but the rat was gone, and the manner in which he got into the cage is still as deep a mystery as before. The birds are all exceptionally sweet singers and very tame. The original birds were imported from Germany by Mr. Voss, the proprietor of the hotel, and have been constantly multiplying ever since, until there are now about 60 birds in the cage.

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A Passenger**Suicides.**

Jumped From the Umatilla on the Trip From San Francisco.

Garonne Owners Ask Collector Milne to Do the Impossible.

A steerage passenger named Turner committed suicide during the voyage of the Pacific Coast steamship Umatilla, which arrived here from San Francisco yesterday morning. The unfortunate was a man of about 45 years of age, and so far as could be found out comes from Livermore, Cal. All were strangers to him on board the ship, and from the time of embarking he seemed in trouble. He had received a letter previously, which completely upset him, and after taking passage made several threats to jump overboard. No one, however, regarded him seriously—not till Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock, when he deliberately climbed over the ship's railing and plunged head first into the sea. One of the women passengers was the only one to see the act. She rushed aft, giving the alarm, and all on board were soon on deck. The steamer at the time was going full speed, and could not be stopped within the length of a few city blocks. A heavy sea was running, and the drowning man was soon lost sight of. He had struck out bravely to save his life, having repented of his rashness on touching the water, but soon sank. A boat was lowered and even this at times would totally disappear in the surging billows. An hour was spent in this way, with the steamer circling around, but nothing more was seen either of the man or of the two life-boats thrown to him by fellow-passengers. The ship coming on to Victoria arrived yesterday morning, and discharged 157 tons of general freight for Victoria merchants. She also landed here 43 saloon passengers and 24 steerage passengers.

WOULD NOT CALL

Garonne Would Not Touch Here Because She Had to Enter and Clear.

There was a little side feature to the arrival of the steamer Garonne from St. Michael yesterday that was decidedly interesting. As is well known, the steamer had been looked for for many days before her arrival, and it was also pretty generally understood that the vessel might not berth at the outer wharf. On Monday Mr. Frank Waterhouse, representing the managing company, who had been in the city for several days waiting for the ship, had Captain Dan McIntosh's naphtha launch under engagement and laying at the outer wharf ready at a moment's warning to run out and meet the big treasure ship. The engagement of the tug Czar, a much larger craft but with no passenger license, was in mind, for an excursion down the Straits to meet the Garonne and bring her Victoria passengers to the city, but Collector Milne would not give his consent to this, nor would he, at the request of Mr. Waterhouse, permit the vessel to call here without entering and clearing in the customary way. This would not involve any extra expense in his own department, but would bring her under the pilotage regulations. The original plans accordingly were carried out, and the launch met the Garonne of the Race yesterday morning and transferred her to a Vancouver pilot. No passengers, however, came ashore, all being taken to Vancouver. Mr. Waterhouse after all did not have the pleasure of meeting the ship, having in answer to a telegraphic message taken his departure for the Sound on Monday evening.

EMPEROR ARRIVES.

R. M. S. Empress of India, of the Canadian Pacific Line, arrived in quarantine early yesterday morning, having made a quick trip across the Pacific, but being delayed a few hours in the Straits by a thick fog. She had a pleasant trip, fine weather and a jolly crowd of passengers, making the time pass only too quickly. There were just 150 passengers in the cabin, including home-bound diplomats and naval officers of different powers; missionaries, who are taking a rest from their arduous work in the interior of China and Japan; business men, and a large percentage of pleasure-seekers. Among the prominent passengers were Baron von Heyking, who was recently succeeded as German minister at Pekin by Baron von Ketteler; Baroness von Heyking; Consul-General Brennan, who is stationed at Shanghai, and is going to England with Mrs. Brennan on a holiday; T. Sercombe Smith, magistrate at Hongkong; Col. R. Mainwaring, of the Twenty-third Fusiliers, Hongkong; Capt. Barker, Lieut.-Commander Binger and Lieut. Eberle, of the U. S. V., returning from Manila. The steamer brought over 250 steerage passengers, and a full cargo.

MARINE NOTES.

The A. C. Co.'s steamer Portland arrived at San Francisco yesterday from St. Michael with the company's treasure for the season and a large number of passengers.

Again last evening the Walla Walla was crowded with passengers on sailing for San Francisco. Voyaging on her from here are the following: Dr. Davidson, Miss Shepherd, Miss M. Baker, Rev. James Little and wife, Miss M. Shepherd, Mrs. A. D. Shepherd, Dr. Princh and family, D. Short, V. C. Bailey, M. C. James and F. A. Shelley.

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Sir Islands for Vancouver.
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THE LOCAL NEWS.**Gossip of Hotel Corridors**

What Steam Is Doing for the Miners of the Klondike.

Large Number of Tourists at Present in the City.

Society Day Postponed.—Out of consideration for Nanaimo, the date of the Society Day celebration has been changed to August 19. This step was taken at a meeting of the general committee last evening when Mr. R. T. Williams occupied the chair, and when it was shown that August 12, the date selected for the celebration because it was the anniversary of the first meeting of the British Columbia parliament, was payday at the collieries. Previous to the meeting the sub-committees met with Mr. Thomas Russell presiding, and further arrangements were made for the event were made.

Fire at the Wharf.—A blaze at the outer wharf which might have resulted seriously was discovered in the nick of time yesterday by A. McCormack, a runner for the Queen's hotel. A passenger arriving on the Empress threw a lighted cigar which fell through the wharf to the planks below and set fire to the wharf. When smoke was first seen issuing from the cracks it was thought that it came from one of the steamers lying alongside and no attention was paid to it, but McCormack soon saw flames and immediately ran for a bucket of water, with which he quenched the fire.

Natural History Society.—At the fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday evening, the business first transacted was the election of secretary to fill the place caused by the resignation of Dr. Groomton, Mr. N. Denison of the meteorological service was unanimously elected to fill this position. Many interesting specimens and curiosities were shown, the most striking being a huge snake four feet and a half in length, which was recently killed by Dr. Helmekin in his garden. It is thought to be quite foreign to this section of the country. Rev. Mr. Roberts of H. M. S. Amphion also brought before the society numerous Indian implements discovered near Comox. A specimen of "Indian soap" found at Cowichan was shown by Dr. Newcombe.

A Cannery Chinaman.—Queus Sing is the name of a wily Mongolian brought to the police station at 12 o'clock last night, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. Ma Chang, manager of the firm of Yee Yick, who make a business of supplying Chinese labor to the canneries, is the complainant. Sing was hired a few days ago to go to work in one of the canneries on the Fraser river, and was given an advance of \$28.50 to pay a few bills he owed around town, purchase some clothes and have a little money in his pocket when he left here. He went to the cannery, but refused to go to work, and returned to Victoria on the Rithet last night. Chang, on account of the money he had paid Sing in advance, laid the information with the police to the above effect.

In Aid of St. Paul's.—Rev. D. MacRae's residence, Victoria West, presented festive scene yesterday afternoon and evening, the shaded lawn being laid out with refreshment tables and booths that gave it an attractive appearance. A sale of work was conducted in the afternoon and many fancy articles were disposed of, the attendance throughout the day having been most satisfactory. In the evening Chinese lanterns hung about in the trees, enhanced the scene. There was bag-pipe music by Masters James McArthur and James McKenzie, phonographic music, games, races for the children, raspberries and ice-cream, refreshments, and in short a programme for all tastes. The affair was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian church and for the benefit of the church.

At all the hotels there are at present a large number of tourists registered, and with proper boats on the Sound route this number would be greatly increased. At the Drizard there are three parties of a dozen or more, several family parties, while the Mount Baker, Dallas and Victoria are the temporary homes for many of the pleasure-seekers, some of whom go North on the City of Seattle to-morrow.

F. Singer, U.S.N., is the name that greets the eyes of those who look on the register of the Hotel Drizard. Mr. Singer has been stationed at Yokohama and is on his way home on sick leave, suffering from complications of diseases. He arrived on the Empress of India.

A party of missionaries, composed of L. M. Core and wife, Miss Sing and L. Lawson, are stopping at the Domilion. They came on the Empress of India, which arrived from the Orient yesterday morning, and have been in Japan during the past three years.

Charles Snallytree and H. L. Ringstone, of London, were among the passengers arriving on the Empress of India yesterday. They are registered at the Drizard, and are making a tour of the world for pleasure.

Lake Marisch, one of the leading wholesale liquor merchants of San Francisco, is in the city on a business trip. He is staying at the Domilion.

Thomas P. McCormick and wife, of London, Ont., are in the city. They are registered at the Drizard.

United States Customs Inspector Steve Brinker was in the city yesterday on official business.

C. H. Harris, a prominent mining man from Montana, is staying at the Drizard. Rev. Edwin G. Taylor, of Alberni, is registered at the Oriental hotel.

Gordon Hall, of San Francisco, is registered at the Drizard.

Keep Cool.—Promenade concert at Goldstream park to-night.

MISSING FROM HOME.

Victoria Sloop Which Sailed For the Sound on June 11 Not Hear From.

Augustin Stuhr, a German who lives on David street, has been missing since June 11. He left here for Seattle on that date in a decked fisherman's boat and has, his friends believe, been either drowned or has met with foul play. What suggests the latter theory is that he had with him considerable money and two Chinese passengers, and that there has been no very heavy weather since his departure. He is well known on the Sound, however, and may be only visiting his friends there. At any rate his friends are anxious, for Stuhr had not intended remaining long away. Furthermore, they can get no news of the missing boat.

Stuhr is a man about 45 years of age, and it is said he makes periodical trips across the Straits. His boat is quite a small sloop, with hull painted black and house-work slate color.

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Messrs. PITHER & LEISER, Wholesale Wines, Liquors and Cigars, have just received this large consignment of G. H. Mumm & Co.'s "Extra Dry" Champagne, now most popular and famous wine on monthly and yearly statistical cords of United States Customs, Champagne there is consumed in number of cases of all other brands proof that Mumm's "Extra Dry" is choicest wine in the market, for thing when they get it. Care metal cap as shown in cut is on not the famous brand of Mumm's "Extra Dry" for which PITHER & LEISER are the SOLE WHOLESALE AGENTS for the Province of British Columbia.



Imports of Champagne into the United States, by the sole agents of the various brands from January 1st to July 1st, 1899. The following is compiled from custom house records:

G. H. Mumm & Co.'s "EXTRA DRY".....	52,924 cases
Pommery & Greno,.....	18,104 "
Moët & Chandon,.....	15,403 "
Heidsieck & Co.,.....	7,706 "
Piper Heidsieck,.....	5,400 "
Louis Roederer,.....	4,780 "
Vve. Clicquot,.....	4,262 "
Ruinart, Pere et Fils,.....	3,549 "
Perrier-Jouet,.....	2,190 "
Ernest Irroy & Co.,.....	1,114 "
Delbeck & Co.,.....	944 "
A. DeMontobello & Co,.....	842 "
Bouche, Fils & Co.,.....	803 "
St. Marceaux,.....	715 "
Theophile Roederer,.....	549 "
Various Brands, 15 or more.....	8,890 "
TOTAL, -	128,175



HAVANA CIGARS.

During the Spanish-American war and for some time after, it was difficult to obtain a supply of high-grade Havana cigars. This difficulty no longer exists, and we have now made arrangements with a number of the leading manufacturers in Havana to keep us continuously supplied with the very finest cigars obtainable. Among these are the following well-known brands:—

**Henry Clay and Bock Co. - - - - - H. Upmann
Manuel Garcia, - - - - - El Intimidad
A. de Villar y Villar, - - - - - and Others**

Of these cigars we now have in stock a large quantity, and can supply all demands

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WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.**

*Thousands drink Blue
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Ask any of them what they
think of it.*

The Plague Spreading.

Two Europeans in Hongkong Attacked by the Dread Disease.

Missionaries Recalled From Sections of China by the Consuls.

From advices brought by the steamer Olympia of the Northern Pacific line, which reached here from Hongkong and way ports on Saturday, there appears to be danger of the dread bubonic plague spreading along the Pacific coast of Asia, and if it does the quarantine authorities on this side will have a fight to keep it out of America. In past seasons the disease has been confined to the Chinese section of Hongkong and the other Southern China cities, but already this year two European residents of Hongkong, one a sanitary officer, and cases, as previously reported, have been found on steamers passing through Yokohama on their way to San Francisco. There were two cases on the America Maru, both patients being Japanese sailors, and one of the first-class passengers after leaving the steamer at Kobe was attacked. The cases, on the City of Pekin at Taichu, Maru, were both in the steerage.

BY EMPRESS OF INDIA.

The Empress of India arriving yesterday brought five days later news of the Olympia. Before the City left all the steamers in quarantine had been released, and the City of Pekin and America Maru proceeded to San Francisco. In Hongkong the disease continues to spread. The epidemic this time last year was rapidly diminishing, but this year it, unfortunately, seems more persistent. The following table gives the number of cases and deaths in the corresponding weeks of the two years:

	Cases.		Deaths.		
	April 1898	April 1899	April 1898	April 1899	
April 1	8	7	45	40	
" 15	16	10	9	106	87
" 22	31	4	" 16	97	92
" 29	28	34	" 30	119	113
May 6	55	May	" 10	109	109
" 13	89	93	" 14	79	67
" 20	87	70	" 21	112	107
" 27	143	134	" 28	63	61
June 3	92	97	June 4	68	63
" 10	97	91	" 11	22	20
" 17	169	117	" 18	15	12

MORE PIRACY.

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MISSIONARIES RETIRE.

At the request of the British and American consuls at Foochow, all the missionaries west of that place have withdrawn, as very serious trouble was anticipated. The mission home and hospital at Kiennungfoo were burned to the ground, and the missionaries were hourly in fear of being murdered, and only escaped after the greatest difficulty.

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Dr. Rig succeeded in escaping from Kiennung. Telegraphing from Yengping he says that there are only about 150 soldiers there, and that the trouble is spreading.

The mission ladies suffered great trials in reaching Foochow, and had to hide in boats, the boatmen showing themselves very loyal. The ladies had to walk bare-footed across fields, so as to escape attention. The latest news officially circulated is that the British consul has heard from the Viceroy that Rev. Mr. Phillips and wife, as well as Miss Sears, are safe in Kienyang Yamen. The locality is quiet.

At Kiennungfoo leper settlement two leper Christians were murdered and their bodies thrown into a pond. One blind watchman belonging to the church was stoned to death, and his body thrown into the river. Two other natives are reported to have perished.

MINING DISASTER.

Here is the official report of the Hokoku mining disaster, in which over two hundred men were killed:

At a quarter past 12 on the morning of the 15th inst., a prolonged sound like that of thunder claps at a long distance was heard in the neighborhood of the mine. The sound lasted for only 5 minutes. Meanwhile a thick column of smoke began to issue from the mouth of the pit, which, when carefully examined, proved to be clouds of pulverized coal dust. It was evident that the sound must have been produced by an explosion of gas. A number of constables and miners proceeded at once into one of the adits, carrying implements for extinguishing fire and shutting off ventilation, only to emerge a few minutes later reporting it impossible to make any headway, owing to the imperfect ventilation and the presence of noxious gases. But there being no sign of combustion, steps were taken for ventilating the air in the pit, and the work was still in progress when the present report was mailed.

At the time of the explosion a number of miners were at work a distance of about 4,000 feet from the mouth, and none of them have since come out. It is not easy to ascertain their number, for besides those on the list there were many not included in it. However, according to the return, those of whom there must have been in the pit 207 men, of whom five were mechanics. All these must have met a terrible death. There are, besides, nine miners who were working outside at the time, and though they were severely injured, their lives are not in danger.

RETURN OF WARSHIPS.

The Japanese government has been recently in close negotiations with the Chinese concerning the return of the remnants of the Peiyang fleet which survived the battle of Yalu and the siege of Wei-Hai-Wei in 1894-5. The transaction is termed "a gift of Japan to China," and the vessels to be returned will be the armor-clads Chenyuan and Pingyuen, the protected cruisers Tsuiyen and Kuangping, and the Armstrong "mosquito" gunboats Chenpien, Chen-chung, Chentung, Chenhan, Chenhsia and Chenpoi, or a total of ten vessels. It is confidently asserted among Chinese officials that there is to be a quid pro quo in the matter, and that if the deal takes place there will be some important changes in Fukien province. A high Chinese official now in Shanghai on business from the North further states that the return of the old Peiyang fleet to China will mark the era of an offensive and defensive alliance between Japan and China, and that, as an outcome, the Chinese armies and fleets will have a

corps by their own boats. It is reported that the Iphigenia made the best time in this brilliant manoeuvre.

JAPANESE ACQUISITION.

The Japanese have hoisted the flag on Weeks or Marcus Island, southeast of the Bonin Islands, fearing that the United States would take it as a telegraph station, Wake Island, which is to the southeast of Marcus Island, being for many months of the year under water.

FRENCH DEMAND.

The French have claimed 1,200,000 taels and mining rights in six districts in Szechuan province. This demand practically covers the whole mineral field of Szechuan, and the large monetary claim was made in the hope that the Chinese government, having no spare funds for such a heavy indemnity would grant the mining rights. The Chinese, however, have offered 2,000,000 taels, in settlement of all claims.

The French now insist upon having the mining concessions, which will involve the question of the Yangtze valley, and the control of Szechuan.

HATED FOREIGNER.

More anti-foreign riots have occurred in China. In Yunnan province rioters have burned a French consulate and customs station; in Peking a Frenchman has been attacked by Kan-su soldiers, and the customs residence was burned and the quarters of the outdoor staff and the French consulate plundered.

The names of ten of the natives who started the mob to burn, loot and destroy property at Fukien are well known, and it is hoped that these will be arrested at once and brought to justice.

It was the intention of the rioters to attack and destroy the hospital at Nanking, but the sudden arrival of 40 soldiers put a stop to it.

Be sure and take in the promenade concert at Goldstream to-night.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, July 14.—While taking a stroll across the hill east of the city on Thursday afternoon George Cummings discovered a sulphur spring. He was crossing a little gully, through which trickled a tiny stream of water, when he detected a strong sulphur smell. Suspecting a deposit, he examined the structure and was amazed to find a sulphurous deposit here and there along the banks. Following up the course whence the water flowed, Mr. Cummings proceeded a few hundred yards to the source of the sulphur spring. As soon as he tested the water he concluded that he had made an important discovery. Reporting the news on his return to the city, a small-sized stampede took place to the spring, which is located on John A. Manly's ranch, three-eighths of a mile from the city limits. The correctness of Mr. Cummings' find was soon confirmed, and already the health-giving water is being dispensed around town as a beverage. Mr. Manly purposes laying a pipe from the spring to the hotel. Samples of the water have been sent to Spokane for the purpose of obtaining an analysis.

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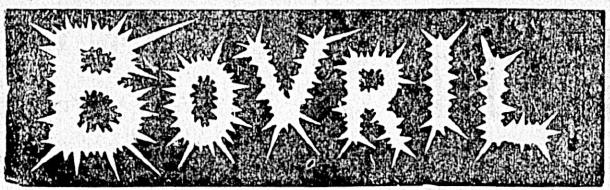
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For the Seaside or Country Home,

There is nothing so suitable as BOVRIL.—It prevents colds and chills. Take a large bottle with you.



THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, July 18—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Fair pleasant weather continues over the Pacific Northwest. Temperatures have fallen slightly to-day. The barometric pressure, though still high on the Coast, has given way considerably, and an extensive low area is now central over Assinabola.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	55 70
New Westminster	52 72
Kamloops	62 88
Barkerville	48 72
Calgary	54 86
Winnipeg	62 88
Portland, Ore.	60 82
San Francisco, Cal.	48 66

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Wednesday, and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh southwesterly and westerly wind; fair; not much change in temperature. Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh winds; fair and warm.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon & 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 18.

Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.....55	Mean.....60
Noon.....52	Highest.....70
5 p.m.....52	Lowest.....61

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....4 miles west.
Noon.....4 miles south.
5 p.m.....4 miles south.

Average state of weather—Partly cloudy. Sunshine—10 hours 42 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.228
Corrected.....30.102

E. BAYNES REED,
Provincial Forecast Official.

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Umatilla from San Francisco:

O. Hall.	Mrs. Devrel.
G. E. Hogg.	W. G. Sperwood.
J. S. DeWangler.	Miss R. Rowlands.
R. Derby.	Miss Roberts.
B. D. Dill.	Miss Ward.
A. C. Martin.	Mrs. B. M. Stewart.
Mrs. A. C. Martin.	Mrs. Coffee.
J. Gardner.	Rev. L. L. Wood.
Mrs. A. A. Haines.	S. B. Hadley.
S. Gardner.	H. Hamilton.
Mrs. Lansberg.	Sister Gertrude.
S. A. Devrel.	S. J. Hiles.
P. B. Sudden.	C. Rayney.
W. Gilholm.	A. Brydon.
H. Johnson.	Mrs. Edith Roberts.
J. Little.	R. Brydon.
A. S. Doss.	W. T. Gardner.
Mrs. D. Ward.	S. Gardner.
M. D. Ward.	Mr. Luckner.

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By steamer Islander from Vancouver:

Sgt-Lt. Chapman.	E. Charles.
J. S. Tendal.	Mrs. Charles.
R. L. Nicholson.	Miss Martin.
R. H. Tinkman.	Dr. Campbell.
M. B. Davis.	P. C. Fife.
Mrs. Davis.	A. D. Young.
Jas. Cameron.	Miss Williams.
Mrs. N. Lewis.	W. J. Stevens.
Mrs. McLeaman.	Miss Stevenson.
W. A. Dewar.	Mrs. Wales.
H. Dewart.	Mrs. Weston.
J. P. Cuthaway.	Mrs. Southcott.
Mrs. C. Cox.	A. Lindsay.
H. Butterworth.	W. T. Andrews.
J. Hart.	Mrs. S. Jordan.
M. Hart.	A. Bonk.
C. L. Nichols.	A. M. Tyson.
M. Browne.	Kipp.
M. C. James.	W. A. Allen.
E. E. Billinghurst.	Mrs. Doerman.
W. H. Wilson.	E. Parr.
G. D. Hastings.	Mrs. Doerman.
Miss. Mrs. H.	J. Short.
M. F. Munro.	A. W. Vowell.
M. F. Prior.	F. C. Gamble.
Jos. E. Montoux.	Sister of Charity.
Dr. R. Fricke.	H. Eley.
J. Holden.	Mrs. Davis.
Mrs. Stoddart.	C. H. Dickie.
G. Miller.	Mrs. Dickie.
H. B. Rider.	A. Low.
E. A. Ahoy.	A. B. Jones.
F. N. Tubman.	J. Phillips.
Mrs. Keller.	Mrs. Casev.
I. M. Campbell.	Mrs. Morrison.
J. M. Campbell.	W. H. Darcey.

By steamer Utopia from the Sound:

D. Ewing.	Mrs. Miller.
J. H. Calvert.	M. Roger.
G. P. Crosh.	J. F. Dorrance.
I. N. Lopman.	W. A. Ward.
Mrs. Lopman.	L. F. Ewing.
R. G. Havillan.	W. H. Horne.
R. G. Alsworth.	G. C. Cameron.
M. D. Temple.	M. Dixon.
E. O. Winterville.	P. R. Peters.
A. Appell.	Mrs. Roberts.
H. S. Strelakland.	R. Boyd.
J. L. Calton.	R. Boyd.
C. Setman.	Miss Newbury.
G. Hunter.	Mrs. K. Middleton.
W. Sanderson.	E. H. Russell.
H. Wiles.	Tom Farrell.
D. H. Rose.	P. H. Sprague.
J. McConnel.	Mrs. Sprague.
G. V. Keys.	Mrs. Tower.
D. Miller.	A. Lyne.

Trains leave for Goldstream at 7:30 and 8:30 to-night, returning in time to connect with all trams.

WHEN THE DAY IS DONE.

Boys merely for the purpose of digestion—Bruyere.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.—Johnson.

Ortles are sentinels in the grand army of death which stand at the corners of newspapers and reviews, to challenge every author.—Longfellow.

A man is known to his dog by his smell, to his tailor by the coat to his friend by the suit he wears; these are signs that how little or how much depends in the dignity of intelligence. That which is truly and indeed characteristic of man is known only to God.—Ruskin.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE... 25c.
Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the bowels, Cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blowers. All dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase's Medicine Co. Toronto and Sons.

Weller Bros. have just received some handsome chairs and tables in the popular golden oak finish.

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On the run back to Cowes the

Shamrock's gain was less perceptible considering the distance—about 15 miles—but the Shamrock did not set her club topsail and she did not do her best. On the reach home the Shamrock did better, and could evidently have done the distance in much shorter time if she had been put upon her mettle.

The Shamrock is decidedly the fastest boat ever launched in these waters. No other craft even gave the Britannia such a beating on a fair sailing trial. There was considerable manoeuvring of the yachts before the start, and the opinion was expressed that the Shamrock did not appear to be so well handled as the Britannia, which was in the hands of the veteran Carter, who skippered her successfully against the Vigilant in 1894. The Britannia was sailed beautifully, and excited general admiration among the immense crowd of fashionable persons who witnessed the return of the race.

Enjoy ride in the country and go to Goldstream to-night.

GRANITE CREEK PROPERTIES.

A Visitor Writes With Enthusiasm of This Section of Alberni District.

An Alberni correspondent who has made a trip up Granite Creek, which he styles emphatically "the richest part of Vancouver Island," writes as follows: "On leaving the beach at Franklin river or Hiawathes creek, you ascend about 250 feet, and follow this creek until you reach Granite creek, a tributary. You follow this creek, crossing and re-crossing the same several times, until you reach the mineral claim known as the Star of the West, owned by Messrs. Sterling, Saunders and others. This property is now lying idle, but the owners should awake, and with a small investment this could be made a bonanza mine, as it is known that the rock assayed over \$10 to the ton, and this property is only three miles from the beach. Adjoining this property are the Islander and Nevada. Leaving this property, it is a gradual ascent until you reach the Happy Tom and Black Jack claims. Here the trail forks, leading to the Starlight, Emma and Texas. Another trail leads to the Hannah, Cordore, Danube, Anthony, Brutus and Caesar; also to the Golden Fingers, the main trail leading to the renowned W. W. mine, and further on the Monte Carlo and Eureka group. A short description of each claim will be needed to show the country. The Happy Tom claim is owned by Mr. C. Soll, H. S. Law and others, and is being opened up. A cabin of good size is about to be erected. The Texas, Emma and Starlight claims are a group owned by Messrs. Sterling, Saunders, Ward, Poole, Hanson and McCoy. This property now has an 80-foot tunnel driven, and it is expected that soon it will be in a running position. These claims lie about 100 feet above the level of the sea. The Islander claim is owned by Gus Hoge and some Victorians. This claim has a good showing, but needs development. Next lies the Commodore, owned by Chris Soll, upon which some work has been done.

The Danube lies next, and is a good proposition, of which Capt. Irving is the owner.

Behind the Danube lies the Anthony, lately staked by Messrs. Cooper and Garrard, and from which a good assay was received.

Next you follow up Beck creek, where you find the Brutus, and 3,000 feet further up the Caesar. These properties were located one year ago by Beck and Williams, who found float on the same that went as high as \$6,000. Mr. Williams disposed of his interests to some Victoria parties, business calling him to the States. Assessment work is being done on these claims at present, the snow just having left the same.

Two leads on these claims show a very rich prospect, and it is anticipated that ore will be shipped from these claims ere the summer is gone. From the top of the Caesar the West Coast can be plainly seen, as also the Olympic range of mountains. On looking down the north side of the claim you can see the Nitnai valley, and on the other side of this claim perpetual snow lies that is 4,050 feet above the level of the sea. On looking behind you, you see the now-famous W. W. mine, and have to return to the Happy Tom in order to reach the W.'s. This is a climb of 800 feet, a good trail having been built to the same by the English Canadian Company, the present owners of the mine. The claim was first found by James Wilson, Jr., who called his uncle's attention to his find, they having been on a prospecting tour. His uncle, James Wilson, Sr., looked at the find, and being an old-time prospector proclaimed the find a good one. The claim was staked, and considerable work done, but fearing that it might pinch out the three owners, Wilson and White, put the same in a selling shape, and gave an option on the same to the once-famous broker, J. E. Short of Spokane, Wash., who brought Mr. Harris of Rossland, B. C., in, who purchased the W.'s and formed a company known as the English Canadian Company, which has one of the largest paying propositions on Vancouver Island and now they are working about thirty men, a large pack-train carrying provisions to the mine from the canal and bringing ore in return. The first assay which Mr. Short had made went \$5,500 to the ton. The mine is under the supervision of W. S. Harris, superintendent, a brother of one of the owners, with Mr. W. W. White as foreman. Adjoining the W. W. claims on one side are the Eclipses, and on the other side is the Monte Carlo group, and other claims which will soon be opened up further on the creek. At the Eureka group Capt. Hanssen and others are at work opening up this property.

As soon as the snow completely goes, prospectors will be found scouring the hill in the vicinity of Granite creek and its tributaries.

Returning to the beach, you can three times a week catch the steamer Willie, which plies the canal from Alberni to Esquimalt, Capt. G. A. H. H. The genial owner and master of the Willie makes things as comfortable as possible for one and all, calling in at all points, and making the steamer a public benefit.

Mr. Fife and Mr. James were on board the Shamrock, but Sir James Lipton followed on the Erin, which with a few yachts and one solitary but crowded excursion steamer escaped the racers round the course. The fresh breeze that was blowing at the start fell somewhat, but revived sufficiently to bring the racers home at a good pace and proved an excellent wind from racing point of view, as it enabled the crews to be tested as to their points, namely, beating to windward, running and reaching. The Shamrock showed to best advantage beating to windward, and gained six minutes on the Britannia in the eight miles boat to the Nab lightship from the start, although the beating is considered one of the Britannia's strong points. On the run back to Cowes the

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Shore & Anderson G. Powell & Co.
Langley & Co. V. H. Todd & Son.
Waddington & Co. V. H. Todd & Son.
Leeser & Co. B. L. & K. Nav. Co.
S. Leeser & Co. V. J. Clyde.
Nicholles & Renouf. M. R. Smith & Co.
K. Claude & Son. R. M. Purdy.
A. McGregor & Son. W. H. Walker.
Dom. Express Co. W. H. Walker.

By steamer Utopia from the Sound:
Weller Bros. Nicholles & Renouf.
Wilson Bros. Henderson Bros.
J. H. Goss. Hickman-Tye H. Co.
E. G. Prior & Co. E. G. Prior & Co.
Burnett S. M. Co. J. H. Todd.
A. McGregor & Son. Valo & Brooks.
Victor. Shoe Co. H. M. Mutter.
W. H. Bowring. V. M. Murphy Depot.
G. A. Schooley. M. R. Smith & Co.
Wintermute Cyclery. F. N. Cook.
Barber Bros. G. E. Munro.
Victoria Brewing Co. Sinclair & Co.

By steamer Umatilla from San Francisco:
A. W. Baldwin. Henry Short & Son.
A. J. Morley. Henderson Bros.
A. C. Printing Co. Hickman-Tye H. Co.
Brackman & Ker. Hudson's Bay Co.
C. J. V. Spratt. John Barnsley.
Capt. L. P. French. J. H. Todd & Son.
Chas. Lang. J. H. Todd & Son.
D. H. Ross & Co. Kwang Lung Wing.
D. K. Chumprane. Kam Lung.
D. Vaslatols. Langley & Co.
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F. B. Wall & Co. J. H. Todd & Son.
F. E. Stewart. H. M. Smith.
Fow Yuen. Mike Powers.
G. E. Munro & Co. P. McQuade.
Horsetail Gold M. Co. R. E. Hazle.
S. J. Pitts. S. J. Pitts & Son.
S. A. Reid. Thomas Earle.
S. Alhouse. Valo & Brooks.
Sisters of Providence. J. G. Prior & Co.
S. Leeser & Co. W. J. Pendray.
W. H. D. Ward. A. Wahnen